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## **Aviation Security Task Force Extends Deadline For Submission of Products, Ideas to Improve National Aviation Security, Efficiency**

***Blue Ribbon Task Force extends deadline for submissions to May XX***

**SAN JOSE, CA** – The Silicon Valley Blue Ribbon Task Force on Aviation Security and Technology today announced that, due to the volume of responses it has received from the business community, it is extending the deadline for companies to submit proposals for consideration as the Task Force begins to identify current and emerging technologies for improving security at U.S. airports. Applicants will now have until May XX, 2002 to make submissions to the Task Force.

Starting on April 15, 2002 companies have been submitting technology proposals by visiting the Task Force's new website at [www.sjcblueribbontaskforce.org](http://www.sjcblueribbontaskforce.org). The website has been developed to handle the anticipated responses from technology companies in Silicon Valley and across the nation and help the Task Force meet its deadline to complete its work by June.

The Task Force was formed in March 2002 by Congressman Honda and Mayor Gonzales to work with Mineta San Jose International Airport and business and technology leaders in making recommendations that can enhance national aviation security through technology. The Task Force is chaired by Symantec CEO John W. Thompson.

Thompson recently appointed Beatriz Infante, CEO of San Jose-based Aspect Communications, as chair of the Task Force's Technology Subcommittee. Infante and her subcommittee will manage the submission process and work with the Mineta San Jose Airport to review the submissions to determine which are best suited for further consideration by the Task Force as a whole.